

VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

700 Box Butte Ave., Hemingford, NE 69348

Zoom Meeting ID: 978 662 3827 | Passcode: 931989

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer

Call to Order

Chairman Wacker called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Wacker (RW), Frost (JF), Smith (MS), Hunter (RH), Mahony (WM)

All members present.

1. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Claims:
 - Village: **\$87,439.58**
 - Utilities: **\$146,104.48**
 - HCCC: **\$1,873.58**
- July 2026 Village Financial Statements & July 2026 Bank Reconciliations
- July 2026 Library Report
- July 2026 Box Butte County Sheriff's Report
- July 2026 HVFD Report

Motion: Hunter to approve the consent calendar as read.

Second: Smith

Vote: RW–Y, JF–Y, MS–Y, RH–Y, WM–Y

2. Discussion and possible action: Community Development Block Grant update and information.- Dave Welanko

Dave reported:

- Next step is holding a Public Hearing.
- The budget should support the grant.
- Ten businesses have submitted letters of intent.
- The Village has two years to spend the \$250,000; extensions may be granted.
- Businesses outside downtown may participate.
- Businesses may request additional funds if money remains.

The Village Board expressed their approval to move the grant process forward and to hold a public hearing.

No action taken.

3. Information Only – Golf Course Update. - Joe Kaup

Joe was not present.

No action taken.

4. Discussion and possible Action: Roland Street update and possible Village reimbursement. -Steve Baker & Tim Kumpf

Discussion included:

- Dust from truck traffic is affecting Buchheit Precision's machines.
- McSchaff provided paving estimates in 2022 for approx. 200 ft of Roland Street
- Kumpf and Baker had RoadMax lay asphalt millings on Roland St.
- The cost of the Millings was \$31,000 and Steve Baker would like reimbursement.
- The millings were laid without full board approval.
- The Board wishes to obtain legal counsel opinion and revisit the matter at the August 26th workshop.

Item tabled until next meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2026-04 – Adoption of Title 196 Chapter 2 (Swimming Pool Standards)

The Resolution was not fully drafted yet.

No action taken.

6. Discussion and possible action: Property Request – Cindy Jones

Board reviewed paperwork and Quit Claim Deeds provided by the County Clerk to try to determine if Cindy Jones ever owned a portion of land currently owned by the Village that is abutting her property.

Board will consult legal counsel and revisit next month.

No action taken.

7. Discussion and Possible action: Treats on the Streets & Christmas Events – Barb Straub

Board gave approval for Straub to continue to work on Village sponsored events, Treats on the Streets and Christmas events. Her work would be volunteer and she would not collect any compensation.

8. Discussion and possible action: Addendums to the Box Butte County Sheriff agreement to reflect changes for the upcoming physical year.

Sheriff Dannar explained:

- Proposed contract change breakdown.
- Proposed change to \$13,912/month (\$166,950 annually) for 48 hours/week.
- Suggested removing “48 hours” from contract due to difficulty tracking an exact number of hours patrolled.
- Alternative proposal: 40 hours/week at \$12,460.55/month (\$149,526.50 annually).

Board tabled the item until next meeting.

9. Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2026-08 – Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026

Resolution is required annually to show the Village of Hemingford is in program compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, and must be signed each year to receive State Highway Allocation funds.

Motion: Mahony to approve Resolution 2026-08: Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Second: Smith

Vote: RW–Y, JF–Y, MS–Y, RH–Y, WM–Y

10. Discussion and possible action: Removing Barb Straub as Authorized Bank Signer

Barb has retired and must be removed from all Village bank accounts.

Motion: Mahony to remove Barb Straub from all Village bank accounts.

Second: Smith

Vote: RW–Y, JF–Y, MS–Y, RH–Y, WM–Y

11. Discussion and Possible action: Purchasing a Wire Reel Trailer in the amount of \$12,204, with funding coming from the Utility Sinking Fund.- Seth Heitz

Village has needed a wire reel trailer for electrical wire for a long time. The cost of a new one is \$12,204.00. Heitz would like to purchase one using funds from the “Utilities Sinking Fund”.

Motion: Smith to allow the purchase of a wire reel trailer using funds from the Utility Sinking Fund in the amount of \$12,204.00.

Second: Mahony

Vote: RW–Y, JF–Y, MS–Y, RH–Y, WM–Y

12. Discussion and possible action: Well 3 Repairs – Seth Heitz

Well 3 is non-potable and used for irrigation.

Water level has dropped below pump intake.

Sargent Drilling recommends lowering the pump and installing a submersible.

Estimate: \$21,208.20

Motion: Frost to approve repairs to Well 3 in the amount of \$21,208.20.

Second: Hunter

Vote: RW–Y, JF–Y, MS–Y, RH–Y, WM–Y

13. Discussion and Possible action: Using a hybrid system for compensating the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer position. – Kyle Huss

Huss, who is currently salary, is requesting to receive overtime pay if he is called out to assist the Utility Crew after hours.

Item tabled until next month.

No action taken.

14. Administrator’s Report – Kyle Huss

Kyle reported:

- Budget Workshop will be August 26 at 6:00 p.m.
- Budget Hearing will be September 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- Community Operations Officer, Teran Sherfey, started on August 3rd.

15. Utilities Department Report – Seth Heitz

Updates included:

- Pool pump rebuilds
- Filled potholes
- Trimmed trees in powerlines
- Sprayed weeds in streets
- Helped move school buildings

16. Public Comment

Resident Eric Pehoviack provided the following comments:

- Granting a possible easement for Cindy Jones' property.
- Using a geo-tracker to help keep track of how many hours the Sheriff's office has patrolled in Hemingford.

No action may be taken.

17. Executive Session

No executive session held.

18. Adjournment

Time Adjourned: 7:47 p.m.

Motion: Mahony

Second: Hunter

Vote: RW–Y, JF–Y, MS–Y, RH–Y, WM–Y

Attest:



Kyle Huss, Village Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Rick Wacker", is written above a horizontal line.

Rick Wacker, Chairman

